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## PERSONNEL NEWS:

### Florida:

#### University of Central Florida

The University of Central Florida (UCF) Libraries announces the retirement of **Hal Mendelsohn**, Reference Librarian as of July 31, 2015.

Hal Mendelsohn joined the University of Central Florida (UCF) Libraries as Reference Librarian in April 2001, after working almost six years at the Louisiana State University at Eunice. In addition, Mendelsohn was the Patents & Trademarks Librarian for the UCF Libraries Patents & Trademarks Depository Library. Mendelsohn holds two master's degrees; one for Community Education (University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota) and one for Library Science (San José State University, California).

Mendelsohn has been active in the library science profession, authoring articles in *Reference Services Review* and *The Southeastern Librarian*, and making presentations at such diverse venues as Council of Media Organizations, Alabama, Arkansas, and Kentucky Library Associations, Southeastern Library Association (SELA), and Florida Chapter of the Association of College and Research Libraries.

Mendelsohn was recognized for his tireless work and dedication with the SELA Membership and Mentoring Committee as the first recipient of the Hal D. Mendelsohn Award in 2012. He received the UCF Excellence in Librarianship award in 2014.



Among his accomplishments at the John C. Hitt Library is the creation of newsletters for the faculty of Social Work and Psychology; extremely popular Campus Connections, which showcases student organizations and services around the university at weekly sessions held at the library; and Information Kiosk, which for the first couple of weeks of each semester is set up to answer student questions.

Mendelsohn will long be known for his extravagantly imaginative publicity emails for social events for Libraries

staff and for his entertaining (and sometimes wacky) introductions as emcee for the Libraries Awards receptions.

The UCF Libraries is proud to announce the arrival of four newly hired librarians.

**Tina Buck** joined Acquisitions & Collection Services as Electronic Resources Services Librarian on August 8, 2015. Buck received her MLS from the University of Pittsburgh. Her background includes both academic (St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas) and public (Massachusetts, Minnesota, and Austin) libraries. Buck has published articles in *Collection Management* and *The Serials Librarian*.



**Sarah A. Norris** joined the staff as the Libraries' first Scholarly Communication Librarian, on August 14, 2015. Norris received her MLIS from the Wayne State University, Detroit, and her BS in Public Relations from Northern Michigan University, Marquette. Before coming to UCF, Norris was Computer/Media Assistant for the Glen Oaks Community College, Centreville, MI, and most recently, was Metadata Services Librarian for New College of Florida, Sarasota, one of Florida's 11 state universities. She authored a chapter in the forthcoming publication, *Mobile Solutions for Remote Access Services in Modern Libraries*.



**David R. Benjamin** joined the staff as the department head for Special Collections & University Archives, on September 25, 2015. Benjamin received his MALIS from University of Wisconsin, Madison; in addition he also received a Masters of Architecture and a Bachelor of Arts in History of Art from UW-Madison. Before coming to

UCF, Benjamin worked as an archivist in both the Wisconsin Historical Society and the University of Kansas. Most recently he was the assistant director of the Volkerdin Center for Research and Academic Programs, Center for Creative Photography, University of Arizona.



Benjamin has written articles for the *Wisconsin Magazine of History* and *The Journal of Art*. He is a member of the Society of Southwest Archivists and the Society of American Archivists where he served as Chair of the Visual Materials Section.

**Chemera (CJ) Ivory** joined the staff as the Business Librarian in Research & Information Services, on August 28, 2015. **Ivory** received her MSLIS from Florida State University, Tallahassee, and her BA in Economics from University of Central Florida. Before coming to UCF, Ivory worked in academic and public libraries throughout the state of Florida.



## Georgia:

**Catherine Bowers** has joined the faculty of Valdosta State University Odum Library, Valdosta, Georgia as an Assistant Professor of Library Science and Reference Librarian. Catherine began her new position on April 1, 2015. She was previously employed as a reference librarian at West Texas A & M University and she received her Master of Library and Information Studies from The University of Southern Mississippi.

## North Carolina:

### UNC – Chapel Hill

The University of North Carolina At Chapel Hill Library is pleased to announce four recent appointments.

**Renée Bosman** began as Government Information Librarian in Davis Library on September 1.

Renée will provide strategic planning, vision, and overall management for the UNC Library's collection of more than two million federal, international, and U.S. state documents, and for the Library's microforms collections. She will serve as subject librarian for government and international agency information, and will provide research services to faculty, students, and scholars.

In this position, she will serve simultaneously as the Regional Federal Depository Librarian for North Carolina. She will work with other federal depository librarians in the state, will participate in meetings of the Federal Depository Council, and will provide leadership in various forums regarding the Federal Depository Library Program.

Renée was most recently Reference Librarian for Government and Public Affairs and Reference Collection Coordinator at the James Branch Cabell Library of Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond.



She holds a B.A. in linguistics from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and an M.S.L.S. from UNC's School of Information and Library Science.

**Sarah Towner Wright** joined the Health Sciences Library on August 1 as Clinical Librarian and Graduate Medical Education Specialist.

Sarah will provide information and education services tailored for medical residents at UNC Hospitals and those who teach and work with them. She will provide expert searching, as well as education and training about information discovery, retrieval, and management.

Sarah was most recently a user services librarian at the Health Sciences Library, where she has also served as Information Services Librarian. She has held positions as Director of Information Management and Clinical Pediatrics Librarian for the UNC Department of Pediatrics; Manager of the Medical Library at the Virginia Hospital Center in Arlington; and with the George Washington University Medical Center in Washington, D.C., and the National Agricultural Library in Maryland.

She holds a B.A. in music performance and French education from the University of Richmond and an M.L.S. from the University of Pittsburgh.

**Nick Graham** is now University Archivist, based in the Wilson Special Collections Library.

Nick will provide vision and leadership for the University Archives and Records Management Services (UARMS). He will be responsible for managing the University records program in compliance with North Carolina public records laws and will provide guidance and assistance in this effort to UNC administrators, faculty, and staff.

Nick will also develop programs that recognize, promote, and celebrate UNC history, and he will work to build archival collections that document the University.



Prior to this appointment, Nick was at the UNC Library as program coordinator for the North Carolina Digital Heritage Center and assistant to the director of Wilson Library. He has also held positions at UNC Library as

North Carolina maps project librarian and head of Public Services for the North Carolina Collection.

Nick holds a B.A. in British and American literature from New College of Florida in Sarasota and an M.L.S. from UNC's School of Information and Library Science.

**Brian Moynihan** is now Head of Health Information Technology Initiatives at the UNC Health Sciences Library.



In this role at the Health Sciences Library, Brian will lead information technology initiatives, overseeing the Health Sciences Library website, health informatics, digitization, data management and visualization, and mHealth endeavors. He will also provide leadership and collaboration with campus partners, including the University Library, the Carolina Health Informatics Program (CHIP), UNC Information Technology Services, and UNC Health Care.

Brian was most recently the health strategy director for Thrive 4-7 in Morrisville, North Carolina. He was previously the IT project manager for the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants in Durham, North Carolina, and he has also worked in Information Technology at the UNC School of Medicine.

Brian holds a B.Phil. in interdisciplinary studies and an M.A. in comparative religion from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. He holds an M.S.I.S. and M.B.A. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

**Cliff Missen**, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Information and Library Science (SILS) associate professor, has been invited to discuss ways to make access to the Internet's resources more widespread and equitable at a forum hosted by *The Washington Post* in Washington, D.C. on Thursday, Oct. 8.

"Bridging the Digital Divide" will bring together lawmakers, city leaders, and technology experts, including U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Julián Castro, Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel, Federal Communications Commissioner Ajit Pai, and President of the National Council of La Raza Janet Murguía.

Missen directs the [WiderNet@UNC](#) research lab and the non-profit WiderNet Project, where he oversees efforts to

improve digital communication in developing countries through hands-on training and research into low-cost applications of information technology. He leads development of the eGranary Digital Library, an information store that aims to deliver the world's knowledge to people and institutions lacking Internet access. He was also a TED fellow in 2007 and a senior Fulbright Scholar in Nigeria in 1999.

#### UNC – Greensboro

**Gerald Holmes** is currently the Reference Librarian and Diversity Coordinator at the University Libraries at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG). As a member of the Libraries' administrative faculty, Gerald led the creation of the Libraries' Post MLS Diversity Residency Program and its Diversity Committee. As the Diversity Coordinator, Gerald took on the additional responsibility as a Co-Principal Investigator for three Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) grants designed to recruit and prepare minority librarians for serving their communities in the 21st Century. As a credit to his work, 55 librarians from underrepresented populations are now working.

Gerald was named the American Library Association 2014 Achievement in Library Diversity Research Honoree for his contributions to the library profession and his promotion of diversity within it. In 2015, he received the Black Caucus of ALA Distinguished Service to the Library Profession Award and the Harvey E. Beech Outstanding Alumni Award from the UNC-Chapel Hill General Alumni Association.

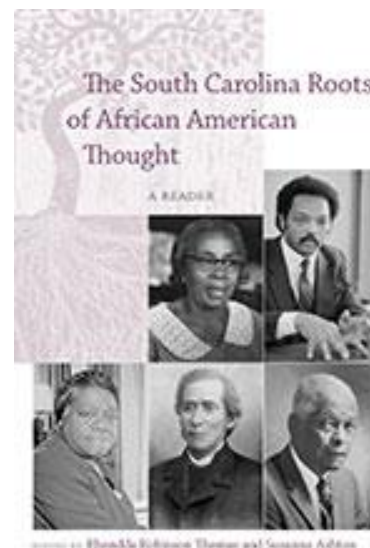
Gerald earned his Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and his Master of Science in Library Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Information and Library Science (SILS). He serves as a co-chair of the SILS Alumni Inclusion and Diversity (SAID) Committee.

**Kate Hill** has been appointed Electronic Resources and Distance Education Librarian at UNC Greensboro. She was previously the Librarian at the University of North Carolina Highway Safety Research Center. Kate holds a Master of Arts in Library and Information Studies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.



#### BOOK REVIEWS

**The South Carolina Roots of African American Thought: A Reader.** Susanna Ashton and Rhondra Robinson, editors. Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 2014. ISBN 978-1-61117-314-7. 376 p. \$49.95



An anthology of selections from the works of African Americans from South Carolina whose personal stories, distinctive ideas and influential writings still have an impact that continues today. Broad in scope, the collection begins in the time of slavery and abolition with Daniel Payne and continues through the very recent past, with the afterword section including middle school student Ty'Sheoma Bethea's famous letter written to Congress in 2009. This is a welcome collection that brings together in